

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**  
**SS PETER AND PAUL (ORMSKIRK) WITH ST JOHN (LATHOM)**

**CHARITY NUMBER 1129296**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**  
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**CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>Registered Charity Name:</b>	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter and St Paul Ormskirk
<b>Working Names:</b>	Ormskirk Parish Church and Lathom Park Chapel
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	The charity became registered with the charity commission on 24th April 2009 having been previously an excepted charity.
<b>Governing Instrument</b>	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is established under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and is a body corporate with perpetual succession.
<b>Bankers:</b>	HSBC plc Royal Bank of Scotland CO-OP Bank NatWest Bank Central Board of Finance of the Church of England
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Mr P J Collins F.C.A. Collins & Co. Chartered Accountants Suite 13 Hattersley House 1 Hattersley Court Ormskirk L39 2AY
<b>Other information</b>	Ormskirk Parish Church is situated on Park Road, Ormskirk, L39 3RD Lathom Park Chapel is on Hall Lane, Lathom, L40 5UQ They are part of the Ormskirk Deanery in the Diocese of Liverpool. The correspondence address is New Church House, Church Street, Ormskirk, L39 3RD Telephone 01695-572143. Email <a href="mailto:ormekirkpc@outlook.com">ormekirkpc@outlook.com</a> Websites <a href="http://www.ormskirkparishchurch.org.uk">www.ormskirkparishchurch.org.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.lathomparkchapel.org">www.lathomparkchapel.org</a> The Parish Office is open Monday and Thursday, 9.30am – 12.30pm Parish Administrator - Mrs Susan Wilson PCC Minutes Secretary - Mrs Margaret Priestley Ormskirk Parish Church Treasurer - Vacant

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**Aims and Purposes**

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of SS Peter & Paul (Ormskirk) with St John The Divine (Lathom) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest-in-Charge in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish of SS Peter & Paul (Ormskirk) with St John (Lathom), the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St John the Divine (Lathom), hereafter referred to as Lathom Park Chapel, seeks to do this by being the centre of worship in a rural community. The church of SS Peter & Paul (Ormskirk), hereafter referred to as Ormskirk Parish Church, seeks to do this by being the church at the centre of the town. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of New Church House, adjacent to Ormskirk Parish Church.

**Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to being a Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference and to do this by having more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world.

When planning our activities for the year, we have been mindful of this and considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel, developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of Ormskirk Parish Church, New Church House and Lathom Park Chapel.

**Structure, Governance and Management including trustee induction.**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. At each Annual Parochial Church Meeting those on the Electoral Roll elect PCC members in addition to the ex-officio post-holders.

Given the wide responsibilities of the PCC it is more time efficient to have separate Committees for the two places of worship. Both Ormskirk Parish Church Committee and Lathom Park Chapel Committee have met regularly throughout the year and reported back to the PCC.

The Wardens have day-to-day management control of the churches.

Trustees are aware of Trustee Responsibilities, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management and safeguarding procedures.

Both Ormskirk Parish Church and Lathom Park Chapel aim to create a welcoming and respectful environment which enables safeguarding concerns to be raised and responded to openly, promptly and consistently. We follow the House of Bishops' Guidance in relation to Safeguarding and have adopted their 'Safeguarding Policy' "Promoting a Safer Church". Safeguarding remains a high priority of the PCC and is a standard Agenda item at every PCC, OPC Committee and LPC Committee meeting.

The charity provides each new trustee with a copy of the Charity Commission guidance relating to the roles and responsibilities of trustees, a copy of the last year's charity accounts and past trustee minutes. Other trustees provide help and assistance throughout the induction process.

During the year all the following served as members of the PCC: -

Ex Officio member: Rev Canon Stuart Haynes (Associate Minister)

Wardens:

Mr Jon Gladders (Now Chairman) (OPC)

Mr. Mark Rawsthorn (representative on Deanery Synod) (OPC)

Mrs Margaret Priestley - (From 24/04/23) (OPC)

Mrs Lynn Smith (LPC)

Mrs Elizabeth Beeston (LPC)

Elected members:

Ms Kate Arnold

Mr. Andrew Beeston (representative on Deanery Synod)

Mr Rodney Birchall

Mrs Judith Bradshaw (LPC Treasurer; representative on Deanery Synod)

Mr. Andrew Burke

Mr. Robert Webster

Mrs Margaret Hall

Mrs Pauline Kenyon

Mrs Winifred Pemberton

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**Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Under normal circumstances, volunteers undertake a variety of roles including:

- preparing and decorating Church and Chapel for services, leading worship there, in schools, nursing homes and elsewhere;
- serving refreshments at various activities including Tiddlers, Soup Stop, Coffee Stop and various extra services associated with the agricultural year;
- inspecting premises, and performing or arranging repairs, to ensure safety;
- raising funds and managing the charity's finances.
- administration relating to church meetings.

**Organisation**

The PCC has a Standing Committee as required by law; these have the power to transact the day to day business of the charity between Council Meetings, subject to any directions by the council.

**Electoral Roll**

The number of names on the electoral roll as reported at the APCM in April 2024 was: -

- SS Peter and Paul (Ormskirk) 88 (2023 - 88).
- St John (Lathom) 54 (2023 - 57)

**Review of the Year including Achievements and Performance**

This was a year of change as we continued to have discussions over the future shape of mission and ministry across the parish. These important conversations enabled us to discern the ministry our next priest would be called to. It has led to frank deliberations on whether we felt God was calling us to continue to be part of the Fit for Mission journey with other deanery churches. This led to Lathom Park Chapel deciding not to continue on that journey. Ormskirk Parish Church remained committed to the Fit For Mission conversation. The PCC agreed that Lathom would explore other relationships for the future. Both Chapel and Church were working on profiles to attract future ministers.

However, we have cooperated between Lathom Chapel and the parish church on our worship arrangements, drawing in particular on the chapel's place in the agricultural year. We strengthened links with Ormskirk CofE School. We have made progress on tackling the graveyard, developing our vision for the Heritage Project and had a busy Christmas with switch on, a tree festival and our Christmas nativity being highlights. The Chapel had a service to celebrate 100 years of public worship.

**Interregnum**

We continued to be in interregnum with both Chapel and Parish Church being supported by lay members, retired ministers and our self-supporting minister. Local ministers both serving and retired helped with funerals at both the parish church and chapel.

Both were working on separate arrangements for future ministry with Ormskirk Parish Church looking at a three-year interim post to enable them to consolidate their vision for the future. Lathom Park Chapel are co-operating with St Pauls Skelmersdale on a shared minister.

**Ecumenical relations**

We continue to be a partner in Churches Together in Ormskirk and the Parish Church led the Christian input into the town's Christmas lights switch on. The church benefited from being lit up on this occasion and saw an increased number of visitors with music, a tree festival and other activities in and around church. Church leaders breakfasts continues.

Other Ecumenical activities include the Ormskirk Food Bank which operates from New Church House on Tuesday and Friday mornings. This continued throughout 2023 and face to face contact resumed once more. The Debt Advice Centre held at Emmanuel Church has continued to operate and the Ormskirk Street and School Pastors have continued to be a presence in the town centre on Saturday evenings, or at the school gate.

**Deanery Synod**

During 2024 the Deanery Synod met three times; February, June and September. The main focus of the meetings was discussion, sharing of information and trying to gain an understanding of Fit for Mission and the potential impact it may have on the parishes in the Deanery

Due to the very different contexts of the Church and the Chapel, we report separately on activities.

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**Activities - Ormskirk Parish Church.**

The Parish Church is an active place of worship aiming to live out its values and vision to be the church at the centre of the town.

We have established a pattern of worship where the first Sunday of the month sees Church for All in the Hall led by Local Missional Leader Rod Birchall. This informal café style worship has attracted all ages. It continues to thrive with **20 regulars from all ages** and we want to explore more ways for it to grow. We have invested in technology to improve the quality of worship. The remaining Sundays are usually services of communion following an orthodox Common Worship pattern.

Congregation numbers have declined however they linger around an average of 40 . We have attracted a few new regulars to our worship. We continue with our Open Table community aimed at the LGBTQIA+ community but this congregation remains fragile. At the end of the year we started a Young Adults Group

The service of Holy Communion on Thursday (market day) continues but with small numbers. This is maintained through external clergy

Baptisms, weddings and funerals have continued in the church. In 2024 there were 18 funerals or burials of ashes, some of which had a service in church but others only at the Crematorium; 9 baptisms; 3 weddings.

Both the traditional carol service and Christmas nativity were well attended with the nativity being extremely popular and successful with numbers back to pre-covid levels. Once again we did not hold a service on Christmas morning in the parish instead encouraging members to worship at Lathom

Tiddlers, our pre-school worship group that meets in NCH on Mondays has continued to flourish under its new leadership despite a period of time when NCH was out of action. Attracting around 50 children and parents this is a great congregation and outreach.

Mothers' Union meets on the first Thursday of every month, 1.30 - 3pm in New Church House

We remain the place of worship for civic services. We saw large numbers at the town's annual Remembrance service in 2024 As in previous years, the Scouts held a carol service in early December.

Church services for Ormskirk C of E School were held for Easter, Harvest and Christmas as well as the July end of year service. Church-led worship in school returned and welcomed the SHINE Committee from the school to lead our annual toy service in advent. Our SSM has also established good links with Ormskirk West End and occasional visits to and from other local primary schools.

**Pastoral care**

Pastoral care continues on an informal basis but it is a challenge with fewer numbers available and we don't currently have a pastoral care team.

The monthly Communion at The Fountains (a retirement housing complex of 68 flats which is within the parish) has continued on a regular basis.

**Mission and evangelism**

We made good progress with the Heritage Project starting to formulate plans for a major funding bid to support the redevelopment of the church creating a cultural and heritage venue as well as a place of worship. We have established a Community Interest Company to pursue this bid and bring professional expertise to the delivery of events at the parish church.

We continued a substantial programme of events during advent. Starting at Switch On, where we were lit up again and had a programme of events. We had a Christmas Tree Festival throughout advent. Unfortunately extreme weather prompted the cancelation of a major performance of the Christmas Carol with live band.

We maintain links with Edge Hill University and civic leaders. This is through a variety of activities including the Public Service Leaders breakfast. These are attended by key leaders from the University, the hospital, local schools, the emergency services and the Council.

Members of the congregation, and visitors, contribute to our work overseas by regular donations (in envelopes and by standing order) or occasional donations (in collecting boxes, a carboy at the west end of church, and a Christmas card). From these donations the church sends money to British-based charities working abroad.

**The graveyard**

One issue that has been a concern to the PCC has been the condition of our large graveyard. This has created concern from members of the community so we have tried to work with a range of partners – the council, police, scouts, ATC and individuals – to clean up the graveyard. We have re-engaged with Community Payback who have been doing sterling work in managing the landscape around the church.

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**Activities - Lathom Park Chapel.**

**Worship and prayer**

Services are held every Sunday morning at the chapel and as the chapel is located in a farming community we hold special services throughout the year to embrace the rhythm of the farming cycles. The farming, Christmas, Easter and Remembrance services are well attended by our regular congregation and people from our wider community. Lathom Park school children attend the chapel for their end of term services and the chapel also hosts services for NSG, the Freemasons and the Women's Institute

**Pastoral care**

The Chapel continues to provide pastoral support to farming families suffering difficult family circumstances and to others who are ill at home or in hospital. The volunteer Street Carers scheme in Lathom has become less formal the chapel members offer a friendly face and a listening ear.

**Mission and evangelism**

The regular cycle of walks, history talks, visiting groups, Sunday afternoon openings and social events continued in 2024. We held a celebration weekend in July to commemorate 100 years of public worship at the chapel with a garden party on Saturday and a thanksgiving service on Sunday presided over by Bishop John followed by a lunch in the gardens of the chapel - with the Earl of Derby and Baron Skelmersdale in attendance with many from our congregation and the wider community. We had successful male voice choir concerts at Harvest and Christmas drawing in people from the wider community.

Links to Lathom Park church school continue to be excellent. Members of the congregation serve as School Governors and as a specific school contact working with the head teacher and staff. Bibles have been bought by the chapel for each of the juniors at the school to for their personal use during their lessons and to keep when they leave primary school.

During 2024 there was 1 funeral and one burial of ashes held at the chapel.

The chapel continues to support Farm Africa, a small charity that helps farmers in Africa grow their community out of hardship. We also support The Foodbank, The Children's Society, RBL Poppy Appeal and Cancer Research.

**Financial Review**

Results for the year are set out on page 8.

***New Church House***

Lettings income at New Church House remains low and the PCC are looking at ways to increase lettings. This has included an investment of around £40k from the buildings fund to redecorate and invest in improved flooring. We have also invested in the AV system through kind donation of a parishioner. We are looking to further invest and market the building.

***Ormskirk Parish Church***

Income in 2024 was £92,204 with expenditure £131,788 giving a deficit of £39,584. This was partly offset by a gain on investments of £4,192. The total funds as at 31st December are £548,784, including restricted and endowment funds of £132,010 and a Capital Asset fund of £345,000.

Due to the major repairs that needed to be carried out on the church and the organ, the PCC have had to reduce the amount paid to the Diocese in respect of Parish Share from £42,000 in 2023 to only £27,000 in 2024.

***Lathom Park Chapel***

Income in 2024 was £36,479 with expenditure £52,932 giving a deficit of £16,453. This was offset by a gain on investments of £3,743. The total funds as at 31st December are £100,950, including restricted and endowment funds of £31,003.

Phase 1 of the repairs identified in the Quinquennial report of 2023 were completed at a cost of nearly £10,000. Phase 2 the remaining repairs have been costed at £25,000 plus VAT for which grants are being sought.

**Plans for the Future**

During the interregnum period the wardens, retired ministers and lay readers ensure our regular, farming and other services continue.

After a number of discussions at the chapel committee and with the Archdeacon and Area Dean a proposal was put forward by the diocese for the chapel to become a parish in its own right with a minister who would also have chaplaincy responsibilities in the Skelmersdale area, for example in Lathom High School, West Lancs College, and the Concourse. It was agreed the proposal is worth pursuing. The details and job profile are to be developed in 2025. There are three weddings booked for 2025.

We will continue to reach out to the wider community to draw more people to the chapel: the chapel will be open for visitors on Sunday afternoons in the summer months and on Heritage Open Days; concerts are being arranged and the historical talks and walking groups with refreshments a regular feature; offering fellowship with tea and biscuits after every service and continue our tradition of lunches following the farming services

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**Reserves policy**

It is our policy to attempt to maintain unrestricted general funds, which are the free funds of the charity, at a level that equates to a minimum of four months' unrestricted expenditure plus utility costs. At this level the trustees feel that the PCC would be able to continue its activities and cope with fluctuations in the level of income from donations, fund-raising and other sources. At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 the actual reserves stood at £78,768 (2023: £81,182) this is more than the overall target of *about* £40,000.

**Risk Statement**

The charity operates to a set of Financial Procedures; we review these from time to time, and amend them as needed to reflect any developments.

The Wardens of Church and Chapel regularly review the premises to identify any possible Health and Safety issues, and take remedial action. The Wardens also address any matters raised by the insurance company

The PCC regularly reviews the Safeguarding policy and ensures that it carries out formal checks on any person who may be working with children or vulnerable adults. Ormskirk Parish Church aims to create a welcoming and respectful environment which enables safeguarding concerns to be raised and responded to openly, promptly and consistently. We follow the House of Bishops' Guidance in relation to Safeguarding and have adopted their 'Safeguarding Policy' "Promoting a Safer Church". Safeguarding remains a high priority of the PCC and is a standard Agenda item at every PCC, OPC Committee and LPC Committee meeting.

**Public Benefit Statement**

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

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Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of Ormskirk Parish Church, New Church House and Lathom Park Chapel.

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the PCC

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 Mr Jon Gladders (Chairman)      13th October 2025

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**THE PCC OF SS PETER AND PAUL (ORMSKIRK) WITH ST JOHN (LATHOM)**

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of SS Peter and Paul (Ormskirk) with St John (Lathom) (the Trust) on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 16 of your Annual Report.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in, any material aspect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mr P. J. Collins (F.C.A)**  
**Collins & Co.**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Suite 13 Hattersley House**  
**1 Hattersley Court**  
**Ormskirk L39 2AY**

**13th October 2025**



**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	81,405	4,211		85,616	91,116
Charitable activities	3	30,120	136	0	30,256	24,265
Other trading activities	4	4,947	681	0	5,628	7,092
Investments	5	2,383	4,800	0	7,183	6,868
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>118,855</u>	<u>9,828</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>128,683</u>	<u>129,341</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Charitable Activities	6	99,028	82,159		181,187	155,520
Raising funds	7	3,533	0	0	3,533	4,511
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>102,561</u>	<u>82,159</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>184,720</u>	<u>160,031</u>
		<u>16,294</u>	<u>(72,331)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(56,037)</u>	<u>(30,690)</u>
Gains/(losses) on investments		3,355	4,266	314	7,935	25,768
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>19,649</u>	<u>(68,065)</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>(48,102)</u>	<u>(4,922)</u>
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	8	27,308	(27,308)	0	0	0
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>46,957</u>	<u>(95,373)</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>(48,102)</u>	<u>(4,922)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>						
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1ST JANUARY, 2024 (As previously stated)		439,764	246,307	11,765	697,836	658,451
PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	9	0	0	0	0	44,307
REVISED FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD (As restated)		<u>439,764</u>	<u>246,307</u>	<u>11,765</u>	<u>697,836</u>	<u>702,758</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2024</b>		<u>486,721</u>	<u>150,934</u>	<u>12,079</u>	<u>649,734</u>	<u>697,836</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment & Restricted Funds	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	11	345,000	0	345,000	345,000
Investments	12	104,176	155,453	259,629	270,286
Total fixed assets		449,176	155,453	604,629	615,286
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	13	10,565	25	10,590	12,011
Cash at Bank and in Hand		37,581	7,535	45,116	77,632
Total current assets		48,146	7,560	55,706	89,643
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	10,601	0	10,601	7,093
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		37,545	7,560	45,105	82,550
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		486,721	163,013	649,734	697,836
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
	15				
Unrestricted funds		486,721	0	486,721	439,764
Restricted funds		0	150,934	150,934	246,307
Endowment funds		0	12,079	12,079	11,765
Total charity funds		486,721	163,013	649,734	697,836

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Jon Gladders (Chairman)

.....  
Mrs Judith Bradshaw

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

## **1 Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015 FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is held responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

### **Income and endowments**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement to the amount due.

Dividends and all other income is accounted for when receivable.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

For investment purposes any surplus funds are usually of a short term nature and are kept in interest bearing accounts.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

### **Expenditure**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC.

The Parish Share is accounted for when paid. Any share unpaid at 31st December is not provided for in these accounts.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the PCC during the year.

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**Fixed Assets**

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Freehold land and property is not being depreciated, as in the view of the PCC, they are maintained to a sufficiently high standard which ensures that the market value of the properties is not less than the carrying value shown in the accounts.

Fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used by the church is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual assets with a purchase price of £10,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Reserves

It is the intention of the trustees to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet the current level of running expenses of the organisation.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment & Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment & Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £
<b>2</b> <b><u>Donations and legacies</u></b>						
Planned Giving:						
Tax Efficient Giving	38,094	1,179	39,273	38,603	6,641	45,244
Income Tax Recoverable	8,786	209	8,995	12,638	1,882	14,520
Other planned giving	9,991	0	9,991	5,862	1,359	7,221
Collections (open plate) at all Services	10,045	0	10,045	8,347	0	8,347
Sundry Donations & Appeals	6,888	1,077	7,965	3,409	3,317	6,726
Legacies	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0
Grants	4,601	1,746	6,347	6,286	2,772	9,058
	<u>81,405</u>	<u>4,211</u>	<u>85,616</u>	<u>75,145</u>	<u>15,971</u>	<u>91,116</u>
<b>3</b> <b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>						
Wedding and Funeral Fees	19,212	0	19,212	15,125	433	15,558
Rent from Church Hall/Church Property	7,951	0	7,951	8,680	0	8,680
Miscellaneous Income	2,957	136	3,093	27	0	27
	<u>30,120</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>30,256</u>	<u>23,832</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>24,265</u>
<b>4</b> <b><u>Other trading activities</u></b>						
Fundraising and other events	4,577	681	5,258	5,941	940	6,881
Bookstall	370	0	370	211	0	211
	<u>4,947</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>5,628</u>	<u>6,152</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>7,092</u>
<b>5</b> <b><u>Investments</u></b>						
Dividends and Interest (including any reclaimed tax)	2,383	4,800	7,183	4,383	2,485	6,868
	<u>2,383</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>7,183</u>	<u>4,383</u>	<u>2,485</u>	<u>6,868</u>

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	Endowment &			Endowment &		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	2024	Funds	Funds	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>6 <u>Charitable Activities</u></b>						
Missionary Giving						
CMS	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
Sick & Needy	0	1,500	1,500	0	1,240	1,240
Sundry Donations (<£1,001 each)	691	6,000	6,691	505	349	854
Ministry:						
Parish Share	52,876	0	52,876	67,617	0	67,617
Clergy - Housing	650	0	650	1,405	0	1,405
Clergy - Expenses	460	15	475	1,505	9	1,514
Administrator - Salaries	6,047	0	6,047	12,994	0	12,994
Organist - Salary	4,503	0	4,503	4,923	0	4,923
Church - Heat, Light & Water	3,625	7,873	11,498	12,296	450	12,746
Church - Repairs & Maintenance	906	2,528	3,434	5,316	672	5,988
Major Repairs	10,873	8,904	19,777	966	3,890	4,856
Churchyard and Grounds	2,125	0	2,125	6,408	0	6,408
NCH - Heat, Light & Water	637	3,449	4,086	8,167	0	8,167
NCH - Repairs & Maintenance	0	786	786	2,306	0	2,306
NCH - Major Repairs & Decoration	0	33,796	33,796	0	0	0
Cleaning and Waste Disposal	1,838	0	1,838	4,229	0	4,229
Insurance	2,410	7,816	10,226	9,502	0	9,502
Service Expenses	2,918	0	2,918	1,002	732	1,734
Organ & Piano Maintenance	264	9,269	9,533	1,263	0	1,263
Postage, Printing & Stationery	873	0	873	981	(31)	950
Telephone	1,070	0	1,070	976	0	976
Accountancy & Independent						
Examiner's Fees	3,600	0	3,600	3,309	0	3,309
Sundry Expenses	2,662	223	2,885	539	0	539
	<u>99,028</u>	<u>82,159</u>	<u>181,187</u>	<u>146,209</u>	<u>9,311</u>	<u>155,520</u>
<b>7 <u>Raising funds</u></b>						
Fundraising & Event Costs	3,533	0	3,533	3,114	840	3,954
Giving Envelopes & LDBF Fees	0	0	0	557	0	557
	<u>3,533</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,533</u>	<u>3,671</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>4,511</u>

**8 Transfer of funds**

£28,058 of this relates to costs incurred in 2023 in respect of the Ormskirk Parish church and New Church House for insurance, light & heat and routine maintenance which the PCC deem to be valid deductions from the restricted building fund.

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**9 Prior Year Adjustment**

The prior year adjustment in 2023 related to a re-assessment by the PCC of it's financial responsibilities in regards to "Parish Share". The result of which is that Parish Share is now accounted for when paid which was a change in the accounting policy last year.

**10 Staff Costs**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and Salaries	10,550	17,917
Social Security Costs	0	0
Pension Costs	0	0
	<u>10,550</u>	<u>17,917</u>

The wages paid relate to various Church Worker. No employees (2023: None) received more than £60,000 remuneration during the year.

**11 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Freehold Land &amp; Buildings £</b>	<b>Fixtures and Fittings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>			
At 1st January, 2024	345,000	0	345,000
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31st December, 2024	<u>345,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>345,000</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1st January, 2024	0	0	0
Charge for the year	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31st December, 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31st December, 2024	<u>345,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>345,000</u>
At 31st December, 2023	<u>345,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>345,000</u>

**12 Investments**

	<b>2023 Market Value</b>	<b>Additions (Disposals) in year</b>	<b>Net Gain/loss on Revaluation</b>	<b>2024 Market Value</b>
CCLA Investments - UnRestricted Funds - Ormskirk	49,201	6,077	945	56,223
CCLA Investments - Restricted Funds - Ormskirk	128,108	(18,077)	2,933	112,964
CCLA Investments - Endowment Funds - Ormskirk	11,481	0	314	11,795
CCLA Investments - Unrestricted Funds - Lathom	59,346	(13,803)	2,410	47,953
CCLA Investments - Restricted Funds - Lathom	22,150	7,210	1,334	30,694
	<u>270,286</u>	<u>(18,593)</u>	<u>7,936</u>	<u>259,629</u>

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<b>13</b>	<b><u>Debtors:</u></b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<u>Amounts receivable within one year</u>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Income Tax recoverable	6,916	10,540
	Other Debtors	3,674	1,471
		<u>10,590</u>	<u>12,011</u>

<b>14</b>	<b><u>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</u></b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Accruals and Deferred Income	7,200	3,600
	Trade Creditors	1,495	3,493
	Other creditors	1,906	0
		<u>10,601</u>	<u>7,093</u>

<b>15</b>	<b><u>Analysis of Net Assets by Fund</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	
		<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Fixed Assets	449,176	143,658	11,795	604,629
	Current Assets	48,146	7,276	284	55,706
	Current Liabilities	(10,601)	0	0	(10,601)
	Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0	0
	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u>486,721</u>	<u>150,934</u>	<u>12,079</u>	<u>649,734</u>

**16** **Fund Details**

The restricted funds comprise various funds as set out below including; building funds, grants and donations received for mission, the organ, the Youth worker and the Sick & Needy.

The endowment funds represent permanent endowments from donors many years ago, which require the money to be spent on the sick and needy.

<b>17</b>	<b><u>Designated Funds</u></b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Gains/Losses</b>	<b>£</b>
	Unrestricted Funds are as follows:					
	<b>Ormskirk Parish Church</b>					
	General Funds	(4,210)	85,288	38,307	29,003	71,774
	Capital Asset Fund - NCH	345,000	0	0	0	345,000
	OPC Fabric Fund	13,582	0	13,582	0	0
	<b>Lathom Park Chapel</b>					
	General Funds	85,392	33,567	50,672	1,660	69,947
		<u>439,764</u>	<u>118,855</u>	<u>102,561</u>	<u>30,663</u>	<u>486,721</u>

**General Funds**

This represents the resources available to the PCC to spend on the charitable objectives outlined in the Report.

**Capital Asset Fund - NCH**

This represents the cost or valuation of New Church House

**OPC Fabric Fund**

Proceeds from the sale of land in 2019 were set aside by the PCC for use on the church fabric. This represented the remainder which have now been re-designated for other purposes



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18	<b><u>Restricted Funds</u></b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	
		£	£	£	Gains/Losses	2024
					£	£
	Restricted Funds are as follows:					
	<b>Ormskirk Parish Church</b>					
	Buildings Fund	169,508	4,381	62,907	(25,125)	85,857
	Choir & Music Fund	426	0	45	0	381
	Missionary Fund	6,538	1,995	6,000	0	2,533
	Organ Fund	14,839	0	9,269	0	5,570
	Gladders Fund	225	0	0	0	225
	Sick & Needy Fund	5,554	404	1,500	0	4,458
	Tiddlers Fund	302	136	178	0	260
	Youth Worker Fund	20,931	0	0	0	20,931
	<b>Lathom Park Chapel</b>					
	Buildings Fund	27,984	2,897	2,245	2,083	30,719
		<u>246,307</u>	<u>9,813</u>	<u>82,144</u>	<u>(23,042)</u>	<u>150,934</u>

**Buildings Fund**

This represents monies for the maintenance and substantial repairs to our buildings.

**Choir & Music Fund**

This represents monies to provide for robes, music, and other benefits for the choir.

**Missionary Fund**

This represents congregational donations which are passed on to six church-based charities working overseas.

**Organ Fund**

This derives from gifts and fundraising for major repairs to the organ.

**Gladders Fund**

Monies received to be passed to other charities.

**Sick & Needy Fund**

This represents grants from the Henry Smith Charity, plus interest from four historic charities. It is disbursed at the discretion of the incumbent or churchwardens to individuals and families in Ormskirk facing financial hardship.

**Tiddlers Fund**

This represents the balance of subscriptions over running costs for our Mums and Toddlers group.

**Youth Worker Fund**

This represents donations, primarily sought from the congregation many years ago, to employ a youth worker. The PCC continues to look for ways, short of direct employment, in which to further its aims and objectives among young people.

19	<b><u>Endowment Funds</u></b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Income/</b>	<b>Payments/</b>	
		£	Realised	Transfers/	2024
			Gains/Losses	Gains/Losses	£
			£	£	£
	The Endowment Funds are as follows:				
	<b>Ormskirk Parish Church</b>				
	Sick & Needy Fund	11,481	0	314	11,795
	<b>Lathom Park Chapel</b>				
	Clergy Expenses Fund	284	15	(15)	284
		<u>11,765</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>12,079</u>

**20 Capital Commitments**

The PCC has no Capital Commitments at the accounting date ( 2023 £Nil ).

**21 Contingent Liabilities**

The PCC had no contingent liabilities at 31st December 2024 (2023 £Nil):

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	55,663	1,995	0	57,658	61,895
Charitable activities	28,002	136	0	28,138	23,042
Other trading activities	256	0	0	256	2,499
Investments	1,367	4,785	0	6,152	6,174
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>85,288</u>	<u>6,916</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>92,204</u>	<u>93,610</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable Activities	51,319	79,899	0	131,218	115,462
Raising funds	570		0	570	2,647
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>51,889</u>	<u>79,899</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>131,788</u>	<u>118,109</u>
	<u>33,399</u>	<u>(72,983)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(39,584)</u>	<u>(24,499)</u>
Gains/(losses) on investments	945	2,933	314	4,192	16,412
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>34,344</u>	<u>(70,050)</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>(35,392)</u>	<u>(8,087)</u>
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	<u>28,058</u>	<u>(28,058)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<u>62,402</u>	<u>(98,108)</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>(35,392)</u>	<u>(8,087)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1ST JANUARY, 2024 (As previously stated)	354,372	218,323	11,481	584,176	547,956
PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0	44,307
REVISED FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD (As restated)	<u>354,372</u>	<u>218,323</u>	<u>11,481</u>	<u>584,176</u>	<u>592,263</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2024</b>	<u>416,774</u>	<u>120,215</u>	<u>11,795</u>	<u>548,784</u>	<u>584,176</u>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	25,742	2,216	0	27,958	29,221
Charitable activities	2,118	0	0	2,118	1,223
Other trading activities	4,691	681	0	5,372	4,593
Investments	1,016	0	15	1,031	694
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>33,567</u>	<u>2,897</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>36,479</u>	<u>35,731</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable Activities	47,709	2,245	15	49,969	40,058
Raising funds	2,963	0	0	2,963	1,864
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>50,672</u>	<u>2,245</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>52,932</u>	<u>41,922</u>
	<u>(17,105)</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(16,453)</u>	<u>(6,191)</u>
Gains/(losses) on investments	2,410	1,333	0	3,743	9,356
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(14,695)</u>	<u>1,985</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(12,710)</u>	<u>3,165</u>
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	<u>(750)</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<u>(15,445)</u>	<u>2,735</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(12,710)</u>	<u>3,165</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1ST JANUARY, 2024	85,392	27,984	284	113,660	110,495
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2024</b>	<u>69,947</u>	<u>30,719</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>100,950</u>	<u>113,660</u>

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